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SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON RW/MDW,
FIFTH ROUND, FIFTH MEETING, AUGUST 9, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: AT FIFTH MEETING OF ROUND FIVE, USDEL
PROVIDED FORMULATION OF ELEMENT 1 PER REFTEL, INFORMED
SOVDEL THAT SOVIET ARTICLES II AND III WERE STILL BEING
STUDIED, AND EXPLAINED AGAIN US POSITION ON ELEMENTS 4 AND
5. SOVDEL STATED THEY WOULD STUDY US STATEMENT AND
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT US RESPONSE TO SOVIET
ARTICLES II AND III WAS NOT YET READY. END SUMMARY.

2. FIFTH MEETING OF ROUND FIVE OF US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON
RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
WAS HELD AT SOVIET MISSION ON AUGUST 9.

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3. AMB. FISHER PRESENTED REVISED US ELEMENT 1 (REFTEL) AND
STATED SOVIET ARTICLES II AND III WERE STILL BEING
EXAMINED. WITH RESPECT TO ELEMENT 4, FISHER AGAIN
EXPLAINED THE LOOPHOLE CREATED BY THE PHRASE "CONTRARY TO"
IN THE SOVIET VERSION. NOTING THE APPARENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AS TO THE DESIRED EFFECT OF THIS

ELEMENT, HE SUGGESTED THAT SUCH EFFECT COULD ALSO BE ACHIEVED BY EXPANDING THE US PHRASE "ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN..." TO READ ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "ACTIVITIES WHICH THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION HAVE UNDERTAKEN NOT TO ENGAGE IN UNDER ELEMENTS 1 AND 3." REGARDING SOVIET ARTICLE V, FISHER REITERATED US PREFERENCE FOR OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4. IN BRIEF RESPONSE, AMB. LIKHACHEV (HEAD OF SOVDEL) SAID US REMARKS WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT THE DELAY IN US REACTION TO FORMULATIONS CONTAINED IN SOVIET ARTICLES II AND III.

5. NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 14.

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